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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, RP

SUBJECT: LOS

REF: STATE 063021, 063646

1. WELCOME VISIT BY OXMAN PROPOSED STATE 063646.  
ASSUME VISIT CAN BE ARRANGED BEFORE APRIL 12 WHEN I  
DEPART FOR WASHINGTON.

2. ASSUMING OXMAN VISIT, I WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE  
JUDGMENT ON VALUE OF LOS TEAM VISIT LATER IN THE YEAR  
AS PROPOSED BY STATE 063021. USEFULNESS OF VISIT

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DEPENDS ON WHETHER AND WHEN INDONESIANS TALK TO THE

PHILIPPINES. AS WE UNDERSTAND THE RATHER CURIOUS GAME PLAN OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS, LOS NEGOTIATORS HAVE DELIBERATELY ESTOPPED THEMSELVES FROM SPEAKING FRANKLY TO OUR ALLY, THE PHILIPPINES, IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE INDONESIANS TO BE OUR SPOKESMAN. THIS WOULD PRESUMABLY MEAN THAT LOS TEAM VISITING HERE WOULD TALK ONLY IN TERMS OF OUR ALREADY OUTDATED POSITIONS.

3. IF, HOWEVER, INDONESIANS HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN TO PHILIPPINES BY THE TIME LOS TEAM ARRIVES MANILA US TEAM WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE TWO OPTIONS: (A) TO BUILD ON WHATEVER SUCCESS ACHIEVED BY INDONESIANS; (B) TO PICK UP PIECES IN EVENT OF INDONESIAN FAILURE. ORCHESTRATING THIS PECULIAR ARRANGEMENT WILL BE DIFFICULT SINCE AP HAS ALREADY PICKED UP STORY OF LOS TEAM VISIT TO INDONESIA AND PHILIPPINES IS NOT SLOW TO PUT TWO AND TWO TOGETHER.

4. EXPECT DEPARTMENT WILL NOW MAKE EFFORT TO KEEP ME FULLY AND REGULARLY INFORMED OF RESULTS, IF ANY, OF INDONESIAN-PHILIPPINE TALKS, OR ANY FURTHER CHANGES IN U.S. POSITION REFLECTING ON OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOP. ON BASIS OF READOUT, I WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENT BETTER GUIDANCE ON MERIT OF LOS TEAM VISIT LATER THIS YEAR.

5. I WISH DEPARTMENT EVERY SUCCESS WITH ITS LOS TACTICS BUT URGE THAT WE KEEP IN MIND THAT LOS IS A COMPONENT OF INTER-RELATED WEB OF ISSUES. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF RENEGOTIATING ECONOMIC AND MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOP. IT IS CLEARLY NOT IN OUR OVERALL, AND LONG TERM INTERESTS TO JEOPARDIZE THOSE TALKS BY END RUNS AROUND OUR OLDEST ALLY IN EAST ASIA.

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